



Naples Alliance for Children

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Naples Alliance for Children's mission is to take a leadership role in advocating for the improvement of the quality of life for Collier County, Florida's children and their families.

Who We Are

Naples Alliance for Children is a private, charitable, nonprofit, 501(c)(3), volunteer advocacy group, organized in 1987. The organization is committed to working for and providing for the needs of all our children and families.

- We advocate for change in policies and practices through public awareness, community organization and network building. We encourage preventive investment in children before they get sick, drop out of school or get into trouble. The NAFC service programs are independent of any government funding.
- NAFC promotes and supports public and private programs that directly enhance and enrich the lives of children.
- Our work complements other services provided for children and families in Collier County. Children's service, education, health and juvenile justice professionals and child advocates are able to exchange ideas and avoid duplication of services by networking through NAFC.
- Local service agencies derive benefits from the efforts of NAFC coalitions and the NAFC information center.

Long Range Goals

1. **To identify gaps** in services for families and children in our community.
2. **To create community awareness** of the needs of our children and youth.
3. **To facilitate the development of resources to address unmet needs**
4. **To improve dissemination and quality of services** by promoting coordination and cooperation of all schools, social agencies and business to work in unity for providing the most efficient human services system without duplication.
5. To change policies and practices which are ineffective or result in neglect or mistreatment of children.
6. To achieve these goals through research, public awareness, education, legislation, community organization and network building.

For additional copies of the directory and information on this and other Naples Alliance for children programs contact our office at 239-649-5260. (Information listed above)



INTRODUCTION

The Naples Alliance for Children offers this free annually updated Resource Directory in hope that the information contained will help Collier County residents and visitors as they search community resources for themselves and their families. Our Directory offers a comprehensive list of child and family resources and a wide selection of early childhood and school-age programs. It gives parents, caregivers, service providers and the general community information including tips on how parents can find what they are looking for in early childhood education and after school programs; information on how to best serve your child with learning difficulties; a school calendar; school health and immunization requirements and information and support for employers and employees. This Directory is on-line at our Website: www.napleschild.org. For additional copies, Information and Referral services contact NAFC at contacts listed below.

Please keep in mind that the Naples Alliance for Children cannot and does not recommend any of the programs, organizations or agencies listed in this directory. The information about the programs was provided by the program providers themselves and cannot be vouched for. The Alliance assumes no responsibility for errors, changes, or omissions of content.

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